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**V. RIGHEOUSNESS INSTRUCTIONAL IN SOVEREIGNTY (9:1-11:36)**

**PREFACE: The Privileged People squandered their great blessings and broke the hearts of Paul/Lord.**

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**C. The Divine Purposes (9:14-33)**

 **1. The Mercy of the LORD in His Sovereignty (vv. 14-23)**

 ***a. His Explanation of Mercy (vv. 14-16)***

 1) The Assertion (v. 14a)> Is God unrighteous?

 2) The Answer (vv. 14b-16)

 a) The Response (v. 14b) > *“God forbid”* > Rom. 3:4; 11:1, 11

 b) The Reason (vv. 15-16)

(1) The Verse (v. 15) > Ex. 33:19

(2) The Volition (v. 16) > Will of God

 ***b. His Example of Mercy (v. 17)***

 1) The Scripture (17a) > Ex. 9:16

 2) The Scenario (17b) > Ex. 9:27-28

 ***c. His Exceptions of Mercy (vv. 18)***

 1) The Choice (18a) > Ex. 9:12

2) The Condition (18b) > hardened heart > (*chazaq*) Ex. 8:15, 32; 9:34; Josh. 1:6-7; 10:25

 ***d. His Expansion of Mercy (vv. 19-20)***

 1) The Faulting (v. 19) > *memphomai* (3x)

 2) The Forming (v. 20) > *plasma* (1x), *plasso* (2x [I Tim. 2:13]) >Isa. 29:16; 45:9

 ***e. His Exercise of Mercy (vv. 21-23)***

 1) The Power (v. 21) > Jer. 18:4-6

 2) The Persons (vv. 22-23)

 a) The Vessels of Wrath (v. 22)

 (1) *“dishonour” > atimia* (7x)

 (2) *“endured with longsuffering” > makrothumia* (14x)

 (3) *“fitted to destruction” > katartizo* (13x)

 b) The Vessels of Mercy (v. 23)

 (1) *“honour” > time* (43x)

 (2) *“afore prepared (unto glory)”* > *proetoimazo* (2x [Eph. 2:10])

**2. The Mercy of the LORD in His Selection (vv. 24-33)**

 ***a. His Prophecy of His Selection (vv. 24-29)***

 1) The Call (v. 24)

 a) The Call of the Saviour > Mt. 11:28

 b) The Call to the Sinner > Jews and Gentiles > Rom. 3:9

 2) The Citations (vv. 25-29)

 a) Example #1 (vv. 25-26) > Hos. 1:9-10

 b) Example #2 (vv. 27-28) > Isa. 10:22-23

 c) Example #3 (v. 29) > Isa. 1:9

 ***b. His People of His Selection (vv. 30-33)***

 1) The Faithful (v. 30) > faith righteousness (Rom. 4:1-5)

 2) The Faithless (vv. 31-33) > works righteousness (Gal. 5:3-6)

 a) Their Stumbling > *proskopto* (8x)

 b) Their Scripture > Isa. 28:16 (Isa. 8:14); I Pet. 2:8

**CONCLUSION: The LORD is merciful in His Sovereignty and man is Responsible in his choice.**